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March 10, 2017

Kris Monteith  
Acting Wireline Competition Bureau Chief  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re:   *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28,  
      *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket No. 10-90, *Developing a Unified*  
      *Intercarrier Compensation Regime*, CC Docket No. 01-92**

Dear Ms. Monteith:

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC" or "Commission") *Open Internet Order*,<sup>1</sup> Granby Telephone LLC ("Granby" or the "Company") hereby notifies the Wireline Competition Bureau ("WCB" or "Bureau") of its intention to cease offering its broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective May 10, 2017. As such, the transmission component will not be provided as a separate regulated service and will only be provided as part of the complete broadband Internet access service that the Company offers to end user customers, either through the Company or through an affiliated company.

Granby currently provides broadband Internet transmission service as a detariffed Title II offering. The only customer for the Company's broadband Internet transmission service is the Company's affiliate nonregulated ISP. Notice to the affiliate ISP was provided this date by interoffice memorandum that the Company will discontinue the offering of broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service effective May 10, 2017.

The Commission made clear in the *Rate-of-Return Connect America Fund Order*,<sup>2</sup> as well as the *Clarification Order*,<sup>3</sup> that a rate-of-return carrier could make the

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<sup>1</sup> *Protecting and Promoting the Open Internet*, GN Docket No. 14-28, Report and Order on Remand, Declaratory Ruling and Order, 30 FCC Rcd 5601, ¶ 460 and n. 1378 (2015).

<sup>2</sup> *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Report and Order, Order and Order on Reconsideration and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 16-33, ¶ 194, n. 428 (rel. Mar. 30, 2016).

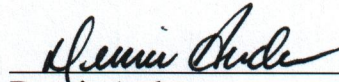


retail offering described in the foregoing first paragraph, and thus the revenues associated with the broadband Internet access transmission would no longer be subject to the federal universal service assessment pursuant to FCC Form 499-A.

This notice is effective 60 days from the date of this letter unless withdrawn or extended prior to that time.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions,

Sincerely,



Dennis Andrews  
Senior Vice President & General Manager  
Granby Telephone LLC

cc: Pamela Arluk, Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau Pricing Policy Division  
Special Assistant for Telecommunications at the Department of Defense  
The Office of the Honorable Charlie Baker, Governor of Massachusetts  
Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable

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<sup>3</sup> *Connect America Fund*, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, et al., Order DA 16-661, ¶ 25 (WCB, rel. June 15, 2016) (citing the *Open Internet Order*).

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Notification of Discontinuance of broadband Internet transmission service as a separate component of its broadband Internet access service was served this 10th day of May, 2017 by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons:

Secretary of Defense  
Attn: Special Assistant for Telecommunications  
1000 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301-1000

The Honorable Charlie Baker  
Massachusetts State House  
Office of the Governor  
24 Beacon Street  
Room 280  
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Sara Clark, Secretary  
Department of Telecommunications and Cable  
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